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**TITLE: DRINKING AND POURING CLOSURE WITH A PIERCING CUTTER
DEVICE FOR COMPOSITE PACKAGINGS OR CONTAINER AND
BOTTLE SPOUTS SEALED WITH A FILM MATERIAL**

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The enclosed references were cited in Applicant's International Search Report (copy enclosed) for Applicant's corresponding P.C.T. Application, No. PCT/CH2004/-000448, filed July 14, 2004, which claims foreign priority on the basis of Applicant's corresponding Switzerland patent application, filed July 28, 2003, or otherwise known to Applicant.

The accompanying references relate generally to container closures, etc., generally known to the prior art.

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